



# Old Tyme Chronicle

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## Valentine Luncheon on Saturday, February 9

BWAHS is sponsoring their annual Valentine Luncheon from 11 to 1 on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The meal will consist of homemade chicken noodle soup and bean soup, salad bar, beverages and dessert, for a donation. People interested in helping should call Alice Chapan at 740-965-1942.

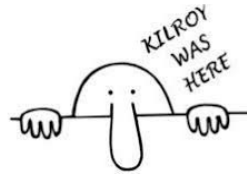
## Sharing Historical Stories at Community Library

As part of the Community Library's Winter Reading Club activities, the library staff announce the kick-off of "Stories from the Big Walnut Area Historical Society". The volunteers from the BWAHS are partnering with Community Library to offer a once a month historical story-telling adventure for elementary students grades 1-4. History will come alive with costumed BWAHS readers, books about historical time periods, activities, and art projects.

The first session will be Saturday, February 16th from 10:30- 11:30 at Community Library. The February focus will be the Wild West and there may just be a real-life cowboy on hand. Brian Moore is heading the project from BWAHS. All people interested in helping should call him at 614-581-4304.

## Paperweight Added to Collection

David C. Whitney donated a paperweight of President Garfield's Memorial to Myers Inn Museum. Glass covers a photo of the memorial in Cleveland where it was purchased in 1905. In 1935, it was given to David  
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## James Kilroy, A Nobody *Story of a World War II Icon*

Richard Doritty will share the story at 7:30 Tuesday evening, January 8<sup>th</sup>, with the Big Walnut Area Historical Society in the meeting room of the Myers Inn Museum. Admission to the program is free.

James Kilroy became a name spread all around the world and most people thought it was fictitious. The truth will be revealed by Doritty.

Richard A. Doritty was born in Erie, PA and graduated from Erie Technical High School in 1959. Six months later he entered the Air Force where he served with the 60<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Squadron as an electronic technician. After his discharge in 1964 he went to work for Western Electric Company in Columbus. He attended Ohio Technical Institute and earned an Associate Degree in Electronic Technology.

1967 he married Sharon and they moved to Sunbury. He became active with the music department at Big Walnut High School.

After retirement in 1996, he served as a part time officer with the Sunbury Police Department and became a member of the BST&G Fire Department. He is still active in Sparrow Masonic Lodge and serves the American Legion Post 457 as Sargent at Arms.

He supports and participates in many activities associated with military veterans including the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial in Sunbury.

Come to the program to learn the truth about James Kilroy, a nobody who left a big foot print on post war lives, fences and outhouses.

*(David Cupp continued from page 1)*

Cupp a Sunbury lawyer and David Whitney's name-sake.

David M. Cupp was born in June 1874 in Pleasant, Fairfield County, to Francis Marion and Elizabeth (Freeman) Cupp. He was named after his grandfather David Cupp. He became a lawyer and practiced in Fairfield County before moving to Sunbury.

He married Blanch Stark (daughter of Cepter and Sylvia (Benton) Stark in August 1906. They had a daughter Sylvia Elizabeth Cupp in 1908. David was a partner in the Whittier Insurance Company in 1908 and owned the company by 1910. His marriage ended in divorce.

In September 1917, David married Fanny Patrick, the daughter of Nathan Marble. Fanny was running the hardware store at the northwest corner of Cherry and Vernon Streets following the death of her husband Norman Patrick in 1915. She was the mother of Armond, Christine and Evelyn.

In 1920 Cupp was the Prosecutor of Delaware County. He and Fanny lived on Cherry Street. Asa C. Myers became a partner in Cupp and Myers Insurance Agency in 1920.

In 1922 the agency became Cupp and Whitney when Oatfield Whitney bought out Myers. In 1933 the company became Whitney Insurance owned by O.W. Whitney and his son Hoyt Whitney (David C. Whitney's father).

By 1954 it was just Hoyt Whitney's business and he sold it to Bob Morris in 1956. Today his son David Morris still runs Whitney Insurance on East Cherry Street.

More about these families and the museum are on the website at

[www.BigWalnutHistory.org](http://www.BigWalnutHistory.org)

## Calendar of Events

- 5 Jan. Rental: Gentile & Robinson Wedding
- 8 Jan. 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 8 Jan. 7:30 - Program: "Story of Kilroy" by Dick Doritty
- 23 Jan. 7:00 Rental: Damon Bower Meeting
- 9 Feb. 11-1:00 **Valentine Luncheon**
- 12 Feb. 6:00 - BWAHS Board Meeting
- 12 Feb. 7:30 - Program: "The Lincoln You Never Knew," by Roy Nichols
- 19 Feb. BWAHS Stories in Community Library

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